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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, PFOR, PGOV

SUBJ: US FORCE LEVELS IN THAILAND

1. WE EXPECT THE CONTINUING STRONG NEWS INTEREST AND PRESS QUERIES CONCERNING THE NEWLY-CONFORMED GOVERNMENT'S POLICY STATEMENT CALLING FOR WITHDRAWAL OF US TROOPS WITHIN ONE YEAR.

2. IF QUERIED FOR REACTION, WE INTEND REPLY: QTE WE EXPECT TO BE DISCUSSING THIS MATTER WITH THE GOVERNMENT. THE LEVEL OF US FORCES HERE HAS IN THE PAST BEEN A MATTER OF COOPERATION AND CONSULTATION BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS. WE WOULD EXPECT THIS SPIRIT OF COOPERATION TO CONTINUE IN FUTURE CONSULTATIONS UNQTE.

3. IF PRESS TO REPLY WHETHER US WOULD WITHDRAW ITS TROOPS IF RTG TELLS IT TO, WE INTEND SAY: QTE FACILITIES USED BY THE US MILITARY IN THAILAND ARE LOCATED AT RTG BASES. OBVIOUSLY THE ULTIMATE DECISION ON THE USE OF THOSE FACILITIES IS UP TO THE RTG UNQTE.

4. TO OTHER QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE ISSUE, WE WILL REPLY: QTE  
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IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE AT THIS TIME FOR US TO GO BEYOND SAYING

THAT WE EXPECT TO BE DISCUSSING US FORCE LEVELS WITH THE RTG UNQTE.

5. OPINION CLIMATE HERE AT THIS TIME MAKES IT PARTICULARLY  
IMPORTANT THAT WE AVOID, EVEN IMPLICATION, QUESTIONING ULTIMATE  
THAI PREROGATIVES IN THIS MATTER. WE BELIEVE CONFINING US  
RESPONSE HERE AND IN WASHINGTON TO SUBSTANCE IN PARA 2 WILL  
LIMIT THE EMOTIONAL HIGH VOLTAGE IN THIS SENSITIVE ISSUE.  
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